However, to address the issue of farmer's distress, the Govt, of India has announced a rehabilitation package in the identified 31 debt stressed districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra. The package provide for:

(i) The entire interest on overdue loans as on July 01,2006 will be waived in all the affected districts and all farmers will have no past interest burden as on that date, so that they will immediately be eligible for fresh loans from the banking system.

(ii) The overdue loans of the farmers as on July 01, 2006 will be rescheduled over a period of 3-5 years with a one-year moratorium.

(iii) A credit flow of Rs. 13,817.78 crore, Rs. 3,076.20 crore, Rs. 1,945.07 crore and Rs. 1275 crores will be ensured in the above debt stressed districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra respectively in 2006-07.

Violation of import rules by companies

†2170. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain companies are violating import rules by utilizing imported items in domestic market without paying any duty on them;

(b) whether DGCE has taken action against any of these companies in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) DGCEI has taken action under the Central Excise Act, 1944 and the rules made thereunder against the defaulting companies. Details of such cases and the action taken against such companies is given in the enclosed Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

SI. No.	Name of the Company	Amount involved (Rs. In crores)	Action Taken
		2004-2005	
1.	Sri Lakshmi Textiles, Coimbatore	0.1	Show Cause Notice issued.
2.	New Generic Drug House	16.88	Show Cuase Notice issued.
3.	Krishna Trading Co., Surat	0.31	Show Cause Notice issued. Case settled by Settlement Commission.
4.	A.B. International, Delhi	0.57	Show Cause Notice issued.
5.	NSP Electronics Ltd., Bangalore	3.24	Show Cause Notice issued. Case settled by Settlement Commission.
		2005-06	
1	GEA Energy System Ltd.	05	Show Cause Notice is under preparation.
2.	Raja Metal Corporation Ltd.	0 56	Under investigation.
3	SRM Systems Software	0.25	Show Cause Notice issued
4	Reliane Industries Ltd.	5.12	Under investigation.
		2006-07 (upto Oct. 2006)	
1	Kaatyaayini Exports (EOU), Taloja	1.67	Under investigation.

Efficiency of foreign banks

2171. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by RBI, the foreign banks operating in India are far better in terms of their efficiency and operating costs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) According to the Report 'Trend and Progress of Banking in India' published by Reserve Bank of